COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Present: Judges Humphreys, Felton and Senior Judge Annunziata* Argued at Alexandria, Virginia

TIMOTHY R. RANNEY

v. Record No. 1051-04-4

MEMORANDUM OPINION** BY JUDGE ROBERT J. HUMPHREYS FEBRUARY 1, 2005

CAROL M. RANNEY

FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY Arthur B. Vieregg, Judge

Raymond D. Battocchi (Gabeler Battocchi Griggs & Powell, PLLC, on briefs), for appellant.

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Appellant Timothy R. Ranney ("husband") has appealed an equitable distribution award entered by the trial court pursuant to his no-fault divorce from appellee Carol M. Ranney ("wife"). In his appeal, husband raises the sole issue of whether the trial court abused its discretion by failing to "eliminate[] or drastically reduce[] the equitable award to the wife because she induced the marriage, and all of its financial benefits, by fraud."

For the reasons set forth in <u>Ranney v. Ranney</u>, Record No. 0979-04-4 (2004), this day decided, the judgment of the trial court is affirmed.

Affirmed.

^{*} Judge Annunziata participated in the hearing and decision of this case prior to the effective date of her retirement on December 31, 2004 and thereafter by her designation as a senior judge pursuant to Code § 17.1-401.

^{**} Pursuant to Code § 17.1-413, this opinion is not designated for publication. Moreover, as this opinion has no precedential value, we recite only those facts necessary to our holding.